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SUBJ: ECEVIT COMMENTS ON DEMIREL GOVT

REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN ECEVIT, IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN APRIL 20 HURRIYET, COMMENTED AT LENGTH ON THE NEW DEMIREL GOVERNMENT.

A. FOREGIN POLICY. ECEVIT STATED THAT HE FEARED THE DEMIREL GOVT WOULD FACE A NUMBER OF DIFFICULTIES ON FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS AND THAT "EVEN OUR CLOSEST FRIENDS ABROAD WILL HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT IT" SINCE IT WAS A GOVT WHICH "CLASHES WITH SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN TURKEY." ECEVIT PREDICTED THAT "THERE COULD BE MORE DIFFICULTY WITHIN THE GOVT ITSELF ON FOREIGN QUESTIONS THAN FROM THE OPPOSITION."

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B. DOMESTIC POLICY. ECEVIT ALSO ATTACHED THE GOVT PROGRAM,

SAYING THAT IT READ MORE LIKE A CAMPAIGN MANIFESTO WHICH PROMISED SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE RATHER THAN A SERIOUS STATEMENT OF GOVT INTENTIONS. ECEVIT NOTED THAT THE COALITION WAS INHERENTLY UNSTABLE BECAUSE THE FOUR PARTIES DREW THEIR SUPPORT FROM BASICALLY THE SAME CIRCLES AND THIS COMPETITION FOR SUPPORT WOULD OBSTRUCT COOPERATION WITHIN THE GOVT. ECEVIT WENT ON TO CRITICIZE THE "PARTISAN" REPLACEMENT OF CIVIL SERVANTS AS WELL AS THE ACTIVITIES OF TURKES' COMMANDO YOUTH ORGANIZATION.
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